

## Employee Recognition Award 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### **Lieutenant James Ross**

While on a return flight to Broward County, flight staff requested assistance from any medical personnel for an emergency on board the flight. Lt. James Ross volunteered to help. He assisted an elderly gentleman who was complaining of chest pain and having trouble breathing. After taking the gentleman's vital signs, he began advanced life support measures. Lt Ross remained with the patient throughout the flight, continuing medical care for the gentleman until he was transferred to paramedics on the ground for transport. It was later determined that the gentleman Lieutenant Ross assisted was the grandfather of a Davie Fire Rescue Paramedic.

Lieutenant James Ross began employment with the Town of Davie Fire Rescue as an EMT in 1989. With over 15 years of service, he continued his education and completed the Rescue Diver Certification, Paramedic Certification and various other educational courses. James Ross presently works in the capacity of Fire Lieutenant and EMS Captain.

The Town of Davie commends Lieutenant Ross for his dedication and going above and beyond the call of duty in rendering life-saving medical assistance to a citizen while off-duty.

### **Sergeant Robert Labelle**

Most people think that their local police officer is just that guy who gave them a ticket last week or arrested their neighbor who really isn't a bad guy. That is why it is with great pride that we nominate Sergeant Robert LaBelle for Employee of the Quarter. During the end of last year, Officer LaBelle, an 18-year veteran of the Davie Police Department with over 20 commendations and recipient of the Wes Griffin Humanitarian Award, responded to a call involving a domestic dispute. A hearing-impaired female had been battered by her ex-boyfriend and was afraid for herself and her two small children in case he returned. Sergeant LaBelle voluntarily worked with the Ft. Lauderdale Police in the arrest and capture of this man. This incident occurred around the Christmas holidays. Sergeant LaBelle organized a drive to collect clothes, toys and some much needed items for the family. A few weeks later, Sergeant LaBelle discovered that due to a clerical error, the boyfriend had been released from custody and had been seen with a gun threatening to kill the family. Sergeant LaBelle contacted the State Attorney Supervisor who was able to correct the error and issue a new warrant for the re-arrest of the male suspect. Once again, Sergeant LaBelle was instrumental in the arrest of the suspect ensuring the family's safety. For his care and concern, Sergeant LaBelle was awarded "Home Town Hero" by WRMF radio during a live broadcast.

This incident is just one of the many occasions that Sergeant LaBelle has gone above and beyond the standard call of duty. It is indeed an honor to award Sergeant Labelle "Employee of the Quarter".

### **David Abramson**

David Abramson joined the Town of Davie in March 2003 as a Planner. David is being recognized for the Employee Recognition Award for going above and beyond the call of duty. One Sunday morning, David Abramson, was voluntarily working on a project in the Planning and Zoning Division when he noticed a man on a bicycle circling Town Hall. This man rode around the Development Services complex twice before pulling a crowbar out from under his shirt. When the man started prying off the door to the Building Department, David immediately called the police. The man only had time to enter the outside room and attempt to empty the coke machine before the police arrived.

David is being commended for his dedication to the Town by stopping a burglary of Town property and the apprehension of the perpetrator.

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